at Nagpur, Bangalore and Ajmer also provide facilities for ore analysis, benefication and pilot plant studies in respect of various minerals. The Bureau also provides technical consultancy services for appraisal and exploration of mineral deposits, survey of areas, preparation of feasibility study reports, selection of suitable mining equipments, and end use of minerals etc.

Since mineral resources are finite and non-renewable, their optimum use has to be ensured through proper regulation of mines and development of minerals. For this purpose Parliament has enacted the Mines and Minerals (Regulation & Development) Act, 1957 which is amended when ever needed. Under this Act, the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 1988 have also been notified recently replacing the old Rules of 1958.

During inspection of Mines taken up by various officers of the Bureau, the lessees are given suitable advice for conservation and systematic development of minerals.

(b) No, Sir, the existing Mines and Minerals (R&D) Act as amended is considered to be adequate.

(c) Does not arise

Setting up of Amonia and Urea fertilizers plant in Orissa

2594. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up some amonia and urea fertilizer plants in Orissa;

(b) whether the sites have been selected at Paradeep for that purpose;

(c) if so, the steps taken to set up the plants; and

(d) the date by which the fertilzer plants are likely to be commissioned at Paradeep?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Diversification Schemes of Fertilizer plants

2595. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some fertiliser plants have undertaken massive diversification programme;

(b) if so, what are the name of fertiliser plants who have taken steps in that direction in the last three years; and

(c) the details of the diversification programme undertaken by these fertilizer plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The details of the diversification programmes undertaken by fertilizer manufacturing companies in the last three years are given below:—

Sl. No.	Name of the fertilizer company	Items of diversification
1	2	3
1.	M/s. Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore Limited.	Caprolactum
2.	M/s. Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers	(i) Diemthyl formamide (ii) Methylamines expension.
3.	M/s Gujarat State Fertilizers Company Ltd.	(i) Malamine expansion. (ii) Caprolactum expansion.

1	2	3
4	M/s. Southern Petrochemicals Industries Corpn. Limited.	(i) Petrochemicals such as linear alkyl benzene, propylene oxide, propylene, clycol and polyo. (ii) Chemicals such as caustic soda chlorine. (iii) Electronics. (iv) Technical Services.
5	M/s. Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers Company Ltd.	(i) Methanol Expansion. (ii) Formic acid. (iii) Nitric acid. (iv) Butacholor. (v) Electronics (a) Printed Circuit Boards. (b) Electronic Private Auto Branch Exchange.
6	M/s. Deepak Fertilizers & Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd.	(i) Nitric Acid. (ii) Prilled Ammonium Nitrate. (iii) Methanol.

Reduction in the subsidy on low analysis fertilizers

2596. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to reduce subsidy on low analysis fertilizers like ammonium sulphate etc.;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total amount of subsidy paid to different fertilizer plants during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) While there is no proposal at present, the matter is constantly under review.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) During the last three years the total amount of subsidy paid to indigenous producers of fertilizers is as follows:—

(Rs. in crores)

1985-86	1,600
1986-87	1,700
1987-88	2,050

Soil conservation measures in Inter-State river valley areas in Orissa

2597. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal from State of Orissa for soil conservation measures in Inter-State river valley areas on upper Kolab, Indravati and Subernarekha under the Central Plan scheme;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Sediment production rate has been reduced in the Catchment Area of river valley project Machkunda Saleru after execution of the programme;

(d) if so, at what rate; and